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The Department of Public Administration Fall 2016 Newsletter



A Message from the Chair

Hello MPA community! Whether you are a current MPA student, alumni, prospective student, or other (family, friend, administration, etc.), you are the community that makes our MPA program great.

Our MPA program is accredited by the Network of School in Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA). NASPAA is the recognized global accreditor of master's degree programs and ensures excellence in education and training for public service. Our students are guaranteed to get the gold standard of education.

However, our program is only as strong as our students and alumni -- so excel, engage, and make differences in your lives and communities. If I, or the department, can ever be instrumental in complementing your vision for change, please meet with me and share your thoughts.

Finally, a shout out to our MPA Graduate Assistant, Nicole Lasnicki who made this newsletter happen! We hope that it provides you with a rich variety of news and information. If you or an MPA alumni makes the news, let us know so we can feature you in our next newsletter!

Best,
Dr. Celia Watt
Chair and Professor, Department of Public Administration

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Meet the Faculty!

Your 2016 MPA Faculty & Staff



Mr. Joshua Bowers
Lecturer



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Lecturer



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Lecturer



Nicole Dumbleton
Lecturer



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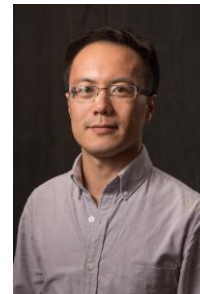
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Lecturer



Dr. Rhucha Samudra
Associate Professor



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Lecturer



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Assistant Professor



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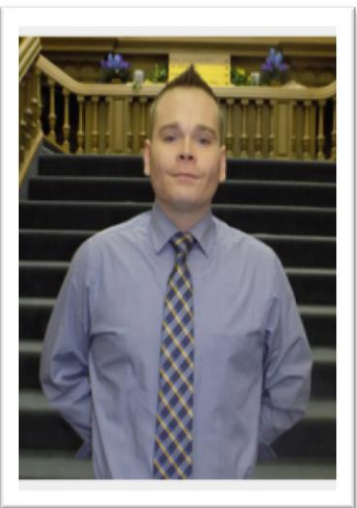
Meet Your MPA Graduate Assistants

Welcome new, returning, and prospective MPA students! We are excited to be your Public Administration Graduate Assistants this semester. If you find that you have ideas or feedback regarding events, please send us an email at PADGA@brockport.edu. We hope you will participate in the activities available to you this semester. If we have not met, please introduce yourself to us! Our office is Room 110 in the PAD wing next to your MPA Academic Advisor, Dr. Wright.



Nicole Lasnicki

Graduating with my health science degree from The College at SUNY Brockport in May of 2015, I jumped right into this MPA program. I anticipate graduating from this program with a focus in health care management in May of 2017. Health and wellness are not just something I hope to turn into a career; they are also a lifestyle I practice. In my free time I love to teach group exercise classes, run road races, read, and visit my family. I hope to begin a career in higher education doing administrative work for a college recreation or health center after graduation.



Rob Richardson

I graduated magna cum laude from the University of Hartford in 2005 with a BA in Politics and Government. I am in the Public Management tract, and expect to complete my MPA in May 2017. After graduation I hope to pursue a career in either city/county management, public policy, or lobbying. In my spare time I enjoy playing disc golf, watching/playing soccer, and spending time with the people who matter most to me.

Rob Richardson is in the News!

On June 16th, 2016, MPA student Rob Richardson was featured in Rochester's Indymedia after writing an article about the Rochester red light camera controversy. Check out his article [here](#).



Get Involved

Pub Nights

Pub Nights are reoccurring events hosted throughout the semester at convenient downtown locations. Come join your classmates for a casual drink, appetizer, and good conversation! Students find these events are a good opportunity to network and “talk-shop” with other students in the program in a non-academic setting.

One Pub Night remains for this semester from 8:30pm-10:30pm

December 1st @ Temple Bar & Grille – Hope to see you there!



MPA Steering Committee

The MPA Steering Committee is a student-run organization that aims to address student issues and concerns, propose solutions, and organize activities that contribute to the culture and experience of the MPA program. We meet bi-weekly in Seminar Room A on the 1st floor of the MetroCenter to discuss initiatives and brainstorm as a group.

If you are interested in student government or collaborative problem solving, or would just like to bring an idea or concern to the attention of your graduate assistants, please feel free to join us!

One meeting remains: Wednesday, December 7th 8:30pm

Hope you can join us!



Volunteer for our next MPA Gives Back event of the academic year. During the first event we spent a Saturday and Foodlink giving back to our community. Volunteering is a great way to get to know your classmates and professors from the MPA program better. Details for the Next MPA Gives Back will be released soon.



Speaker Series

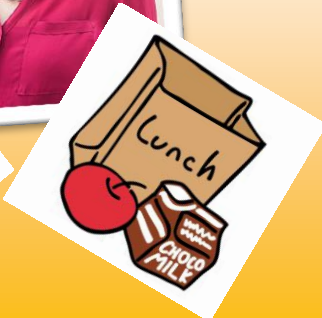
This fall we had an awesome line-up of speakers! There were:

- Wednesday, September 7th, 2016
 - James Smith, Urban District Executive Director at the Y
- Thursday, October 23th, 2016
 - Bryan O'Donovan, Administrator of Operations for URM Strong West
- Tuesday, November 8th, 2016
 - Molly Clifford, City Councilmember and Executive Director at Community Health Strategies



Marta Driscoll is in the News!

On July 10th, 2016, MPA student Marta Driscoll was featured in Rochester's Democrat and Chronicle after writing an article about the Summer Meals Partnership. This is a great article about collaboration and collective impact going on right here in Rochester. Check out her article [here](#).



WHEN TO SEE YOUR ADVISOR:

- ❖ You want to change/declare your emphasis
- ❖ You want to transfer credits from another department/school
- ❖ You are about to graduate
- ❖ You want advice on what courses to take

WHEN CHOOSING CLASSES FOR THE NEXT SEMESTER BE SURE TO:

- ❖ Click the CRN number- this will give you details about the course. For instance, if the class is a hybrid it will tell you on which dates the class is meeting in person.
- ❖ **Tip:** If two hybrid classes are taught on the same night and by the same professor, you **could** take both classes.
- ❖ Before you see Dr. Wright, be sure to go to Web Banner and check your degree audit.

Important Dates for matriculated students:

- **Winter Session 1:** Monday, December 19th- Friday, January 20th
- **Winter Session 2:** Tuesday, January 3rd- Tuesday, January 17th
- **Winter Session 3:** Tuesday, January 3rd- Sunday January 22nd
- Spring semester 2017 begins January 23, 2017
- Full semester drop course period ends February 20th, 2017



Dr. Wendy Wright
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Want to make an appointment
with career services?

Follow this [link](#) to make an appointment!



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**Pi Alpha Alpha Global Honor Society
for Public Affairs and Administration
(PAA)**

- ❖ A great tool for networking and career advancement
- ❖ Eligible students must complete 27 hours at the graduate level and hold a minimum GPA of 3.7
- ❖ If you're interested in applying, contact Doreen Hagen at dhagen@brockport.edu



Pi Alpha Alpha
The Global
Honor Society for
Public Affairs and
Administration

Fall 2016 Student Spotlight: Bruce Kowiak

Hometown: Buffalo and Lackawanna, New York.

Program: MPA with a healthcare management emphasis and a certificate in non-profit management.

Undergraduate College and Major: Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from the University at Buffalo, The State University of New York, School of Pharmacy.

Expected Graduation Date: December of 2017.

Current Occupation: Community pharmacist at the Holley Pharmacy.

How and why did you decide to apply for The College at Brockport MPA program?

I have been fortunate to have had a career in pharmacy that has provided different positions in diverse healthcare settings. After my two children graduated from college, I had the chance to reassess my career path. Earning an additional degree was an attractive option since it offered fresh opportunities. After considering advanced degrees in pharmacy and business, a suggestion from a relative about the field of public administration, led to a discussion with Dr. Celia Watt about the MPA degree. The MPA degree will allow me to combine my past education and experience in healthcare with new administrative skills.

What have you enjoyed most about the program so far?

The friendly, academic mindset of the students and professors. This has made class discussions and class projects very interesting, and has also fostered many new friendships.

What does your job entail?

As a community pharmacist, I dispense medication in accordance with patient safety and legal regulations, counsel patients about medication use, administer immunizations, and communicate with a wide range of health professionals. The work environment in a pharmacy can be fast-paced and a pharmacist needs to pay close attention to the many details associated with patient care.

What are your future goals?

My short-term goal is to secure an internship next year as a capstone to the MPA degree requirements. Beyond that, I hope to find a position where I can utilize my education and experience to create initiatives involving preventive healthcare. Some of my areas of interest include medication use, immunization, prenatal care, nutrition, and exercise.



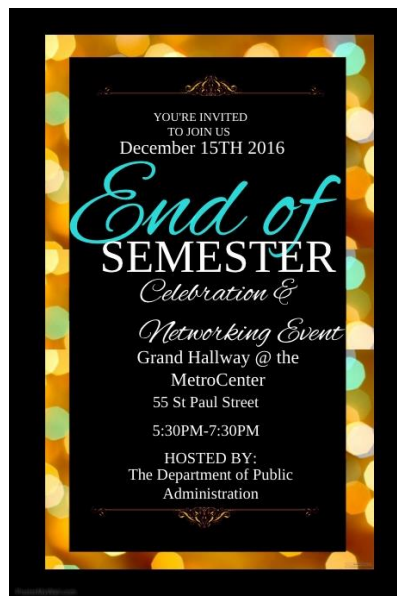
End of Semester Party

12/15/2016

5:30pm-7:30pm

@ the MetroCenter

You're invited to come engage in an evening to renew, maintain, and create new relationships with current students, faculty, and others that support the Department of Public Administration. It is a time to celebrate your hard work all semester! Come enjoy a drink and appetizers. Please RSVP [here!](#)



New MPA Students

This semester we admitted 44 new students into the MPA program at The College at Brockport. Please take a minute to get to know them by reading their profiles below. If you see them in class, in the hallway, or at an MPA event, please make sure to give them a warm welcome into the program!



Welcome!



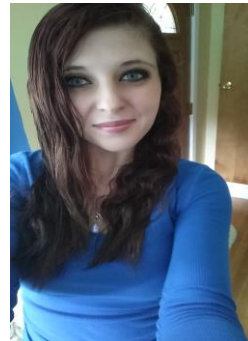
Jessica Alaimo

I believe that our city has a bright future and I want to play a part. I am from Cleveland and spent six years working in journalism.



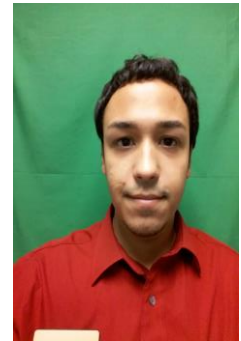
Nicholas Becker

I am a graduate of the University of Buffalo where I focused on history. I have been working in Residence Life on and off since 2010 and am currently working as a residence director at St. John Fisher.



Megan Bishop

I am very excited to be working towards my master degree at Brockport.



Josh Colon

I did my undergraduate work in communication studies with an emphasis on interpersonal and organizational communication. I currently work for The College at Brockport's MetroCenter as a facility assistant. I dream of being a successful entrepreneur and/or the mayor of Rochester. I would also enjoy a successful career in any facet of Higher Education.



Sara Connor

This is my first semester in the MPA program and I am so excited to start my journey. I am passionate about feminism, social justice, and coffee!



Cara Farrell

I started my college endeavors at MCC before transferring to SUNY ESF (Environmental science and forestry). I graduated cum laude in 2015 with a bachelors of science in environmental communication. Since then, I have been working at a senior living home in the recreation department. My end goal, in a sense, is to be an administrator of senior care.



Thomas Fowler

I am very excited to begin the next chapter in my life. I am looking forward to earning my MPA through Brockport.



Joe Gunther

I want to work for policy makers in local, state and national government.



Kevin Hall

I currently serve as the Assistant Chief of Public Safety at Monroe Community College. I enrolled in the College at Brockport's renowned MPA program to enhance the skills I need to be successful in my current position as well as to prepare me for future challenges. I have an A.A.S. in Criminal Justice through Niagara County Community College and a B.S. in Criminal Justice through Keuka College. I am involved in both state and national Law Enforcement/Campus Safety accreditation programs. Whatever spare time I have left I enjoy spending with my wife and daughters.



Ramel Holliday

I am excited to be starting this new adventure. I cannot wait to see what the MPA program has in store for me.



Nicholas Iannucci

I was born in Italy and have stopped having birthdays.



Paula Jackson

I am currently working with a local non-profit organization and am the proud mother of a 1 year old. I am very excited to be furthering my education so that I can help others.



Mohamed Jalloh

I am excited to learn about public policy and to sharpen my leadership skills.



Joyce Kinsey

I am married and am the proud parent as well as a grandma to one grandson. I decided to come back to school after a 30+ year break. I graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Health Science in December of 2015 and am very excited to earn her master degree. I hope that my time in the MPA program will help me decide which career I would like to pursue after I earn my PhD.



William Loftus

I graduated from SUNY Brockport in May with a degree in Health Science. I completed an internship in the summer of 2015 with Woodcrest Commons - a DePaul Senior Living Community. During my internship I worked side by side with administration and quality management with the goal of better understanding the administrative process specific to non-profit organizations. This work led me to research the MPA program at Brockport. Following completion of the program, my goal is to work in quality management for a not for profit or a health care organization. In my free time I enjoy hiking in the Adirondacks, running, and reading.



Lindsey Luft

I am **very** excited to start this program!



Oscia Miles

I am an alumna of Brockport with a degree in interdisciplinary arts for children. I am working towards my MPA with an arts certificate. I hope to build an arts school in the future.



Sandra Miles

I am an alumna of Brockport with my BSW. I have returned to get my MPA in order to help the developmentally disabled population in homeless shelters.



Justin Moore

I graduated from SUNY Brockport with a BA in Computer Science in 2005. I currently work as an IT Manager for Monroe County. I am looking to continue my career in the Public Sector.



Loriane Ngarambe

I currently work at a Catholic Family Center in the employment department. I am looking forward to furthering my education and gaining experience in public service.



Sierra Nicandri

I am brand new and ready to hit the ground running in this MPA program!



Katharine Park

I received my undergraduate degree from Brockport in social work this past May. I graduated summa cum laude and am part of three honor societies. Currently I am tutoring a child with autism part time while going to school for public administration with a certificate in nonprofit management. In the future I hope to study abroad and am seeking employment overseas to help reduce human trafficking once she graduates.



Claire Powell

I studied at SUNY Brockport from 2011-2014 and graduated with a degree in sociology, with a minor in political science. I have a passion for animals and love skiing in the winter in upstate New York. I hope to learn about various non-profits through the MPA program, and what great things they are doing in our country.



Kate Wilkins

I am currently working as a program manager of health homes for the Loyola Recovery Foundation. I did my undergraduate work at St. John Fisher and majored in psychology. I am looking forward to furthering my education through this MPA program.



Amelia Yousey

I graduated from SUNY Geneseo in May of 2016 with a dual degree in music and sociology with a minor in Spanish. I currently work in the mental health clinic at the Catholic Family Center.

New MPA students not pictured:

Katie Bass
Thomas Bickel
Hailey Cammilleri
April Carella
Josh Colon
Gerald Dietz
Christopher Heckman
Sarah Holl
Jennifer Jones
Kari Ann Macaluso

Joseph Marino
Zoe Mercier
Kevin Montano
Dylan Muller
Sara Oechsle
Jessica Rivera-Stockwell
Sabrina Smith
Anna Valentine
Mica Watt-Woodworth

Jana Wong is in the News!

On March 19th, 2016, MPA student Jana Wong was featured in Rochester's Democrat and Chronicle after writing an article about how changing women's reproductive health rights policies and providing access to contraception and legal abortion services can help the spread of the Zika virus. Read the full story [here!](#)

